Alison & Bruce
vs.
Shira & Dad

Similarities

Positive vs.
Negative

Differences

Non-linearity in the book (reflecting the thought process)
Accident or suicide...maybe suicide
Coming to terms with sexuality, "coming out"
Appearance values
OCD tendencies

Shira/Dad

--OCD in line
--Appearance values oppose
--Saw kids as extensions of himself
--imposed values
--didn't read as much
--uses her own relationship with her dad as a parallel

Alison/Bruce

--OCD opposes
--Appearance values oppose
--Saw kids as extensions of himself
--Dad was a lit teacher (book references)
--uses books to parallel relationship with dad